

Amendment No. 2 to HB1698

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1954\***

**House Bill No. 1698**

by designating the current language of subsection (l) as subdivision (l)(1) and by inserting the following language as a new subdivision (l)(2) in the amendatory language of SECTION 2:

(2) For purposes of the rural exemption under 47 U.S.C. § 251 only, the election to operate pursuant to market regulation by a rural incumbent certificated provider of local exchange or intrastate long distance telephone service, as provided in § 65-5-109, shall constitute an acknowledgement that a bona fide request for interconnection or services is not unduly economically burdensome, is technically feasible, will not present a risk of a significant adverse economic impact on users of telecommunications services generally, is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254, and is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. This section shall not apply to any telephone cooperative organized pursuant to § 65-29-102.